

**PATENT**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: **Shogo ISHIOKA et al.**

Serial No.: **Not Yet Assigned**  
**(PCT/JP01/01106)**

Filed: **October 17, 2001**

For: **INSPECTION APPARATUS AND HOLDER THEREFOR**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

October 17, 2001

Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fees of the above application, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claim 15 as follows:

15. (Amended) A holder for an inspection apparatus as defined in claim 14, wherein said holder is adapted to hold an inspection apparatus with keeping said inspection apparatus in a slanted position, said inspection apparatus including a packaged inspection chip for inspecting a conductive pattern of a circuit board in a non-contact manner.

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REMARKS

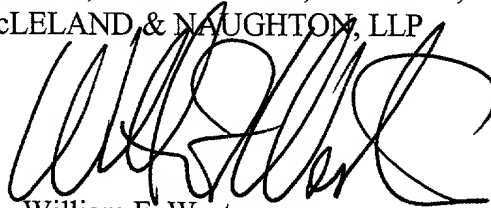
The above amendment is believed to correct a typographical error in claim 15. Early and favorable action is awaited.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

In the event there are any additional fees required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Claim 15 has been amended as follows:

15. (Amended) A holder for an inspection apparatus as defined in claim ~~15~~ 14, wherein said holder is adapted to hold an inspection apparatus with keeping said inspection apparatus in a slanted position, said inspection apparatus including a packaged inspection chip for inspecting a conductive pattern of a circuit board in a non-contact manner.